

HOME NEWS

—This sign was displayed by a country store. It was a terror to evil doers:

WANTED—Ten pounds of feathers, at once. Tar always on hand.

—Mr. J. W. Bever, the accomplished photographer, will remain at Marlinton until the 15th, only. You should not miss the opportunity to have some work done.

—Be very careful with your face and don't put it in the hands of an unskillful photographer, or he will ruin your reputation for good looks. But J. W. Bever will do your style of beauty justice.

—Sounds of blasting were heard very distinctly on Friday and Saturday of last week in a northwesterly direction. It was either blasting or thunder from a clear sky. "The railroad is coming, ha! ha! ha! ha!"

—Potato bugs are running rampant over this domain. A citizen had a bloody encounter with them the other day. He slew thousands and came out victorious, but it is feared his crop is ruined in the action. However, revenge is sweet.

—The post-office in Randolph county named Mingo Flat has been changed to Mingo under the regulation which is abridging the names of so many postoffices. Life is indeed too short to write up a description of a place every time you wish to address a letter to be forwarded there. So the "Blittoms," "Flats," "Lanes," "Cross Roads," etc., have to go.

—A chapter on snakes. A large black rattlesnake was killed on the porch of Hotel McLaughlin last week. A large blacksnake was killed near there while eating hen's eggs. Mr. John A. McLaughlin killed a large yellow rattlesnake in the Laden Bottom. Some children near the Bird hotel were found teasing a most venomous looking copperhead, which was killed.

—Dry Fork was visited by a most remarkable hail storm on Monday, 25th ult. The hail fell to the depth of three inches about three in the afternoon, and did not wholly disappear until twelve the next day. The severity of the storm was confined almost exclusively to a section of about one mile in width. The hail stones were of the size of a pigeon's egg and less. Corn was very much injured. The leaves of the trees were beaten off by thousands or left battered and torn, and the action of the hail could be plainly seen a week afterwards on the rail fences along the road.

—Grass was never looking better than at the present time. In driving through the country enough may be seen on the road sides to feed a multitude of cattle. Wheat is being cut every where in Pocahontas. Some corn has been "laid by." Oats is very good and will escape injury from rust, it is thought. Fruit is the thing wanting. There are a good many cherries. Strawberries and raspberries are not wholly wanting. Apples will be a very short crop, as also peaches, plums and pears.

—At this season of the year our roads, which lie through the woods, are infested by a most annoying fly called the "Road Agent," which fastens itself upon the horses' neck at a place where it cannot be dislodged, and draws blood very shortly. It is about the size of a house fly. These flies will be carried miles by the horse, and when they have filled themselves with blood will disappear to catch a ride back on the next horse going that way. There is, however, a certain plant called Wild Indigo which, if placed in the bridle or rubbed upon the horses neck, will drive away these pests with its pungent odor.

—Not only the Fourth but the fourth of July came this week and everybody went to some picnic or other. There were picnics of various kinds at Marlinton, Buckeye, Mill Point, Cheat Bridge, Indian Draft, Stony Creek, Anthony's Creek, and other places.

—Mr. Sam Gibson, of Split Rock, has found somewhere a vein of very superior coal. He will not divulge the secret, but opinion has simmered down to locating it either on the lands of Messrs. Henry Hannah or Silas Sharp. When a piece of the coal is placed on the fire it blazes like wood. It is to be hoped that the mine will be located very soon, as it will make us a nearer coal bank than any at present. Nelson Moore, who disappeared some years ago, possessed a like secret of a vein of coal on Beaver Dam, which has never been rediscovered.

—The corner lot and dwelling house in Academy owned by Messrs. Bright & Callison, has been sold to John A. Taylor Esq., of Dunmore, for \$1100.00. Mr. Taylor will build a store house on the spot once used by Mr. H. Nathan to build a half finished store house. Academy has a fine opening for a store. Mr. P. Goldin has commenced to put goods in the McNeill store house at this place. Mr. Elihu Ward is establishing a large store at Lee Bell, in Randolph county. The drug store at this place is now owned by Mr. E. H. Smith individually with Dr. Price as pharmacist.

—Mr. Harmon Sharp's son on Elk caught a trout recently in Elk River which was seventeen inches in length. It was a most remarkably large trout to be caught in our waters. However, there is a much larger in that river which many have seen but which cannot seemingly be caught. Many have seen him and thirsted for his life. He is said to be over two feet in length. His home is in the "Barney Hole," near Hite's, near the middle of the pool, under a large rock, beside which the water boils up from the end of a subterranean channel. The depth of the water at that place is about three feet. Until that trout be caught there is something to live for.

—He was six feet two inches in height, the rightful owner of a stalwart frame, pulled the scales down at 225 avoirdupois, looked somewhat like Jim Porter, the Kentucky giant, but did not resemble the Duke of Wellington or favor in the slightest George Washington or the 4th of July. Says he: "Mr. Editor, there are 24 pounds of trout in that bucket, the result of Monday's catch in William's river. Andy Taylor, who lives on the banks of that prolific fish stream, together with Sam Gay and John McFalls, am indebted, not only for the speckled beauties, but for wholesome food and iron-wedge Java, combined with courtesies and amenities extended during my stay with these christain and lovable people." This is what our jolly and whole souled lumberman friend, R. E. Devling, told us Tuesday, forgetting to mention the disaster befalling him while on his piscatorian adventure in the wilds of Western Pocahontas. He turned a double somersault in mid air, falling from off a log, by actual measurement the distance of the spring of a full grown bear, so says Andy Taylor, who never told a lie in his life.

Church Notes.

Rev. Dr. T. H. Lacy, Evangelist for Southern Virginia, will preach at the Clover Lick church on Saturday July 14th 1894, and Sunday July 15th at 11 o'clock, a.m.

The funeral sermon of William Rodgers, deceased, will be preached at Bethel, Sunday, July 8, 1894, at 2 p. m., by Rev. W. H. Hart.

PERSONAL.

Profesor Rucker, of Lewisburg, was in Marlinton on Tuesday, D. L. Barlow Esq. called on us this week. He is not letting his handshake run down though a democratic nominee.

Rev. George P. Moore called this week. He wishes us to say that his name was used unadvisedly when it was announced by the Dunmore correspondent in last week's issue, that he would conduct the Hill's Basket meeting, as he had not been consulted, and that while he may attend, he would always rather have some other notice that his services will be required besides, reading it in the weekly papers.

Dr. Eskridge, of the Levels, was in Marlinton on Tuesday.

Mr. Romine, the great Democrat seer, of Romine Mills, Harrison county, is in Pocahontas looking at some grass farms.

Mr. Chalmondelay has returned from England, and is fishing on Elk.

Miss Hattie Patterson is out of town on an extended visit.

Mr. C. Z. Heyner received a slight shock from lightning in the storm of Monday night.

Mr. J. H. Patterson, our circuit clerk, made a visit to Dunmore last Friday, but was recalled to Marlinton by the arrival of the courthouse injunction.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Slaven, of Vine Creek, Kansas, are visiting relatives in Marlinton.

Fenton A. Chapman expects to leave America for England soon.

Mr. J. B. Rhea, who has lately removed from Mingo to Split Rock, passed through Marlinton, Saturday, on his way to visit relatives in Bath county, Va.

Republican Convention.

The Republican County convention met pursuant to call in Huntersville, June 30, and was called to order by S. B. Moore, chairman. N. C. McNeil was elected president and Kenney Dille, secretary.

On motion, all questions before the convention be decided by a rising vote.

On motion, the president appointed two persons from each district, whose duty it was to name the delegates to the Senatorial and Congressional conventions, and the following gentlemen received the nominations:

Levels—Congress—C. B. Grimes and N. C. Rogers; Senate—Will Burns and Chas. Morrison.

Green Bank—Congress—C. C. Arbogast and S. H. Wanless; Senate—D. C. Shears and Chas. Wanless.

Edray—Congress—H. B. Sharp and John P. Moore; Senate—N. C. McNeil and A. R. Gay.

Huntersville—Congress—G. E. Moore and J. W. Grimes; Senate—W. H. Dille and C. H. Moore.

Each district was allowed an alternate, viz:

Edray, G. K. Gay; Levels, G. W. Whiting; Huntersville, Willie Gibson; Green Bank, Geo. Cooper; J. M. McWhorton, of Greentriber, alternate at large.

The following nominations were made unanimous:

House of Delegates, George T. Moore, of Edray; County Superintendent of Schools, C. B. Grimes, of Mill Point; Commissioner County Court, S. H. Clark; State Senate, N. C. McNeil.

The members of the Republican Executive Committee for the next two years are:

Geo. Cooper, Greenback; Geo. E. Moore and J. W. Grimes, Huntersville; W. B. Hill and Lincoln Cochran, Levels; H. B. Sharp and D. T. McNeil, Edray; S. B. Moore, of Edray, committeeman at large.—Herald.

Col. H. C. Parsons, a very wealthy man, owner of the Natural Bridge, and brother of the late Capt. Parsons, well known in this county, was shot and killed at Clifton Forge, Va., by J. A. Goodwin, a passenger conductor. Goodwin is in jail at Covington.

THE INJUNCTION.

A temporary injunction was granted last week by the judge of the circuit court restraining the Sheriff of this county from paying any orders that were given for work done on the court house in building at this place, and prohibiting the county court from laying any levy to meet the demands of the contract made with the Manly Manufacturing Company, of Dalton, Georgia, to build this court house.

The bill is in the form of a petition of tax-payers—the following gentlemen being the plaintiffs:

James H. Doyle, Uriah Hevener, Josiah Dille, Wm. H. Dille, Wm. H. Cleek, Wise Herold, H. Lee White, A. B. McComb, George W. Wagner, J. J. Beard, J. C. Lory Sr., S. B. Hannah, and C. L. Austin. Mr. H. M. Lockridge as agent for the above named parties makes affidavit to the bill. Jones and Rucker counsel. The bill alleges that the contract is void for several reasons, but seems to base its main grounds of relief on the fact that the \$28,000 is a sum too great to be made by a constitutional levy in one year upon the amount of taxable property in the county, and so would necessarily bind the levies of future years.

The members of the county court, J. C. Arbogast, Sheriff, and M. F. Giesy, architect—are made parties defendant.

In granting the injunction, the judge fixed the amount of the bond at \$8000. A bond for that amount was prepared and signed by the plaintiffs with Geo. W. Ginger as surety. The parties enjoined have not, so far as we can tell, taken any steps towards the dissolution of the injunction, and it is not known whether any effort will be made on their part to dissolve it.

The work did not cease, but the building is not likely to go on much longer if the money supply is cut off.

Speculations as to the result are very much in order at this stage of the proceedings. July Court, the levy term, is coming on next week, when there will be a great laying of heads together, no doubt. The county has at present about \$10000 in the treasury, which is not likely to be drawn upon as the only special extra expense this year was the building of the court-house. The court may or may not reduce the levy of 70cts that was laid for the year 1893, but it is not sure to do so, as a mandamus may be directed to the county court by the judge of the circuit court, compelling them to build a court house as the county is without one at present.

The citizens of this town are naturally anxious to see a fine court house in their midst, as it will be the big thing of the town, as well as drive away the fear of losing the county seat such as is hanging over their heads this year.

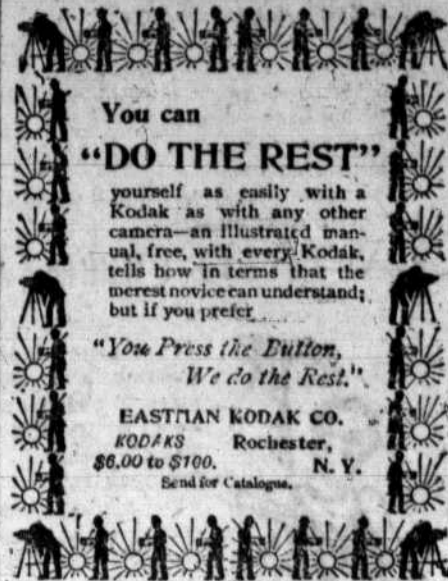
WANLESS.

Married. At the residence of Mr. William R. Sutton's, Mr. Anderson Gragg and Miss Katie Sheets, all of Back Alleghany.

The show at this place was largely attended. All went home well pleased except the two young gentlemen who lost their votes after spending a few dollars.

Mrs. Jacob L. Slaven, of Gillispie is visiting friends and relatives in this vicinity.

Congress is doing nothing except talk and guess the time which will see the Wilson Bill passed. Why don't they let up on it and pass the Bill regardless of their desire to make individual reputations for talk? Is it a cursed epidemic or fashion that has spread over the whole body? They have forgotten that they have two ears and one mouth. They have run too much to talk. Senators, stand by! and let it pass. Better never then late.



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